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Distinguished Members of the Bench:

It is critical that we not continue to waste taxpayers dollars and your substantial capabilities rehashing a case that has long progressed past its time to impact those very consumers you purport to protect. The world of the internet is progressing to Gen4 and high tech is changing the way we live at a dramatic rate. You're too late. So please get on with it. Make a settlement now and focus your ample resources elsewhere.

If there is anything to be learned from this case it is that your action must be much quicker if it is to be effective. If you have a 'real' case and not something just trumped up by disgruntled competitors who want you to do what they couldn't do in the market place, then you'll have to be able to make your case and win corrective action much more quickly. Not only has the bull gotten out of the barn before you've tried to close the door, but we aren't even using barns any more so it won't make any difference when you finally, if ever, do get the door shut.

Best regards, Murray B Parker mparker@bortonwallace.com